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SUBJECT: CENTO ECONOMIC INITIATIVES

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1. DISCUSSIONS OF THE PROPOSED MEETING OF HIGH LEVEL POLICY OFFICIALS AT CENTO ECONOMIC STEERING GROUP (ESG) MEETING AUGUST 29 WENT ABOUT AS EXPECTED. UK DEL MADE STATEMENT ALONG LINES PARA 2, REF A. U.S. DEL COMMENTED ON UK PROPOSAL PER PARA 3, REF A, USING URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL MIGRATION TOPIC REF B ONLY AS ILLUSTRATION (REF D). THIS FAILED HOWEVER TO BRING FORTH ANY SIGNS OF ENTHUSIASM FOR TOPICAL APPROACH.

2. UK SAID PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS COVERED ONLY ONE HIGH LEVEL MEETING BUT IT SEEND REASONABLE THAT SUCH A MEETING THIS WINTER COULD RECOMMEND SIMILAR SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS. GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT MEETINGS SHOULD BE AT UNDER SECRETARY AND NOT MINISTERIAL
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LEVEL. PAKISTANI DEL RECOGNIZED THAT ACTION ON TYPE OF HIGH LEVEL

MEETING DESIRED WAS CLEARLY UP TO REGIONALS AND ACTION WAS URGENT. TURKISH DEL FOLLOWED DISCUSSION CLOSELY BUT MADE NO COMMENT. SENSE OF MEETING APPEARED TO LEAN TOWARD UK SCENARIO ALTHOUGH THERE WERE NO STATEMENTS PRO OR CON EITHER U.S. OR UK SUGGESTIONS. NEXT ESG MEETING SCHEDULED OCTOBER 8.

3. QUITE EVIDENT THAT IF THINGS LEFT TO NORMAL COURSE OF EVENTS NO HIGH LEVEL MEETING OF ANY KIND ABLE TO TAKE PLACE THIS WINTER. UNDERSTAND UK AMBASSADOR SEEKING OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS UK PROPOSAL WITH ASSAR WHO AWAY FROM OFFICE UNTIL 9/9.

4. RECOMMEND FOLLOWING COURSE OF ACTION: PENDING RECEIPT REACTIONS REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS TO DISCUSSION AT AUGUST 29 ESG MEETING, U.S. SHOULD SEND LETTER TO NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR (ECON) CRAWFORD, STATING THAT U.S. PREPARED GO ALONG WITH UK DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR HIGH LEVEL MEETING. LETTER WOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT DECISION BY REGIONALS IS URGENT IF MEETING STILL TO BE HELD DURING ASSAR'S TERM OF OFFICE.

5. WE RECOMMEND AGAINST DIRECT U.S. APPROACHES REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS (EXCEPT THAT ALREADY MADE BY ISLAMABAD BASED ON REF B) SINCE IT SEEMS IT INCONSISTENT WITH: (A) U.S. POLICY LEAVING INITIATIVE TO REGIONAL MEMBERS; AND OUR PREFERENCE FOR LETTING SECRETARIAT ASSUME GREATER ROLE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES WITH U.S. OPTING FOR MORE LOW PRO-FILE STANCE.

6. DRAFT SUMMARY RECONRD 8/29 ESG MEETING PROMISED FOR THIS WEEK. CONTAINS DETAILS DISCUSSION RE FUTURE ACTION IRANIAN PROPOSALS. WILL FORWARD ASAP.

7. ADVISE SOONEST.
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